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Pope Benedict XVI delivers his message during a meeting with youths in San Carlo Square in Turin, Italy, Sunday, May 2, 2010. Benedict XVI took a break Sunday from dealing with the clerical sex abuse scandal to pray before the Shroud of Turin, the linen with an image of a crucified man on it that some believe is Christ's burial cloth and others dismiss as a medieval fake.

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HIGH NOTE


Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, center, goes up for a shot as Utah Jazz guards Wesley Matthews, left, and Deron Williams look on during the first half of Game 1 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, May 2, 2010, in Los Angeles.

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NYPD: Video has possible SUV bomb suspect

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NEW YORK (AP) — Police investigating a terror attack that could have set off a deadly fireball in Times Square — a major tourist destination — focused on finding a man who was videotaped shedding his shirt near the SUV where the bomb was found.

Police on Sunday also were trying to determine whether more than 100 pounds (45 kilograms) of a fertilizer-like substance in the vehicle could have made the crude device even more devastating.

The video shows an unidentified white man in his 40s slipping down an alley, taking off one shirt and revealing another underneath. In the same clip, he's seen looking back in the direction of the smoking vehicle and furtively putting the first shirt in a bag, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

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In this image taken from video, a police officer approaches the vehicle containing a car bomb, which stands with the door open and the police officer reaches down to lift one of the red canisters on the roadway at New York's Times Square, NY, U.S.A., Sunday, May 2, 2010. Police cleared the streets around Times Square when the vehicle was seen to be smoking late Saturday evening, before recovering un-detonated bomb components including cans of gasoline, tanks of propane, fireworks and other electrical equipment from the sport utility vehicle.

Associated Press

Obama to do everything 'humanly possible' on spill

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VENICE, Louisiana (AP) — No remedy in sight, President Barack Obama on Sunday warned of a "massive and potentially unprecedented environmental disaster" as a badly damaged oil well a mile deep in the Gulf of Mexico spewed a widening and deadly slick toward delicate wetlands and wildlife. He said it could take many days to stop. Obama rushed to southern Louisiana to inspect forces arrayed against the oil gusher as Cabinet members described the situation as grave and insisted the administration was doing everything it could. Then he took a helicopter ride over the water to view the 30-mile oil slick caused by as much as 210,000 gallons of crude gushing into the Gulf each day.

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President Barack Obama, standing in the rain, makes a statement to reporters in Venice, La., as he visits the Gulf Coast region affected by the BP (British Petroleum) oil well spill, Sunday, May 2, 2010.

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Out of work fishermen hired by BP PLC and crew boat workers maneuver their boat around oil retention booms in Bay St. Louis, Miss., Sunday, May 2, 2010. Crews continue to put on booms as the oil slick in the Gulf nears shore.

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HUMANLY POSSIBLE

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The spill threatens not only the environment but also the region's abundant fishing industry, which Obama called "the heartbeat of the region's economic life." As of now, it appeared little could be done in the short term to stem the oil flow, which was also drifting toward the beaches of neighboring Mississippi and farther east along the Florida Panhandle. Obama said the slick was 9 miles off the coast

of southeastern Louisiana. BP Chairman Lamar McKay raised faint hope that the spill might be stopped more quickly by lowering a hastily manufactured dome to the ruptured wellhead in the next six to eight days, containing the oil and then pumping it to the surface. Such a procedure has been used in some well blowouts but never at the mile-deep waters of this disaster. The leaking well was not only an ecological disaster but a potential political hazard,

as well, depending on how the public judges the Obama administration's response. In 2005, President George W. Bush stumbled in dealing with Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf and left the impression of a president distant from immense suffering. His presidency never recovered. Obama vowed that his administration, while doing all it could to mitigate the disaster, would require well owner BP America to bear all costs. "Your government will do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to stop this crisis," he said. "BP is responsible for this leak. BP will be paying the bill," Obama said after a Coast Guard briefing in Venice, a Gulf Coast community serving as a staging area for the response. He stood before cameras in a heavy rain, water dripping from his face. The president also stopped to talk with six local fishermen and said the challenge is "How do we plug this hole?" After that, he said, protecting the estuaries would be the next priority. "We're going to do everything

in our power to protect our natural resources, compensate those who have been harmed, rebuild what has been damaged and help this region persevere like it has done so many times before," Obama said. Arriving in New Orleans, the president shunned helicopter travel because of a threat of tornadoes and drove to Venice to tour a close-to-the-water staging area where the government and BP were trying to keep the slick from causing even more damage. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said any comparison between the ruptured BP oil well and Katrina was "a total mischaracterization" and that the government had taken an "all hands on deck" approach from the beginning. Administration officials have been at pains to explain that Obama's late March decision to expand offshore oil exploration could be altered as a result of the spill and that stricter safety rules would doubtless be written into leases. In reality, oil companies and the government lack the

technology to prevent the damage from a well gushing masses of oil, killing wildlife and tainting a delicate ecosystem. The oil washing ashore could ruin the coastal fishing industry. While the government has mobilized masses of equipment to scoop up, burn and block the oil from moving ashore, the tools to contain the ecological and economic damage washing toward the coast were akin to big-game hunting with a pellet gun. Adm. Thad Allen, the Coast Guard commandant, said the volume of spewing oil could climb to 100,000 barrels a day in the event of a total wellhead failure, a much greater breach than is believed to exist now. He spoke to the obvious urgency of stopping the flow of crude. "The difference between 1,000 and 5,000 barrels a day (original estimates), when you look at the potential discharge of 100,000, leads me to believe that there are a lot of inaccuracies associated with trying to estimate flow from a broken pipe at 5,000 feet," Allen said. □

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NYPD VIDEO

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The homemade bomb was made largely with ordinary items including three barbecue grill-sized propane tanks, two 5-gallon gasoline containers, store-bought fireworks and cheap alarm clocks attached to wires. If successfully detonated, police said at a minimum it would have sprayed shrapnel and metal parts over one of America's busiest streets, full of Broadway theaters and restaurants, on a Saturday night.

"The intent of whoever did this to cause mayhem, create casualties," Kelly said.

Authorities didn't know how deadly the bomb could have been, how it failed or who was responsible.

The bomb at Times Square, one of the flashiest and best-known places on Earth, was found at the height of dinner hour before theatergoers headed to Saturday night shows.

The city's busiest streets, choked with taxis and people on one of the first summer-like days of the year, were shut down for 10 hours, unnerving thousands of tourists attending Broadway show, museums and other city sights.

"No more New York," said Crysta Salinas. The 28-year-old Texas woman was stuck waiting in a deli until 2 a.m. local time because part of a

Marriott hotel was evacuated because of the bomb.

Police on Sunday still hadn't identified every piece of the device — including eight bags of an unknown substance found in a gun locker. The substance weighed more than 100 pounds (45 kilograms), and Kelly said it "looks and feels" like fertilizer. Tests were pending.

Timers were connected to a 16-ounce can filled with the fireworks, which were apparently intended to set the gas cans and propane afire, Kelly said.

He said the bomb "looks like it would have caused a significant fireball" had it fully detonated. He said the vehicle would have been "cut in half" by an explosion and people nearby could have been sprayed by shrapnel and killed.

A Pakistani Taliban group claimed responsibility for the failed attack in a 1-minute video. Kelly, however, said police have no evidence to support the claims, and noted that the same group had falsely taken credit for previous attacks on U.S. soil. The commissioner also cast doubt on an e-mail to a news outlet claiming responsibility. The New York Police Department and FBI also examining "hundreds of hours" of security videotape from around Times Square,

Kelly said.

Police released a photograph of the SUV, a dark-colored Nissan Pathfinder, as it crossed an intersection at 6:28 p.m. local time Saturday. A vendor pointed the SUV out to an officer about two minutes later.

Police said they had identified the registered owner of the Pathfinder, but hadn't spoken to him yet. The license plate found on the vehicle did not belong to the SUV; police said it came from a car found in a repair shop in Connecticut.

Duane Jackson, a 58-year-old handbag vendor said he noticed the car and wondered who had left it there.

"That was my first thought: Who sat this car here?" Jackson said Sunday.

Jackson said he looked in the car and saw keys in the ignition with 19 or 20 keys on a ring. He said he alerted a passing mounted police officer.

They were looking in the car "when the smoke started coming out and then we heard the little pop-pop-pop like firecrackers going out and that's when everybody scattered and ran back," he said. "Now that I saw the propane tanks and the gasoline, what if that would have ignited?" Jackson said. "I'm less than 8 feet away from the car."

Times Square lies about four miles north of where terrorists bombed the World Trade



This still photo from a surveillance camera, released by the New York City Police Department, Sunday, May 2, 2010, shows the Nissan Pathfinder used in the attempted attack on Times Square passing through Times Square early on Saturday evening, May 1, 2010.

Associated Press

Center in 1993, then laid waste to it on Sept. 11, 2001.

Top federal law enforcement and intelligence officials — Obama's national security adviser James Jones, national intelligence director Dennis

Blair, CIA chief Leon Panetta, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder — planned to participate in a meeting later Sunday on the bomb. □

18 businesses damaged in Calif. May Day protest

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SANTA CRUZ, California (AP) — Close to 20 businesses were damaged after a May Day protest in downtown Santa Cruz turned violent, requiring police to call other agencies for help, authorities said.

Police spokesman Zach Friend said an estimated 250 people started marching through the city around 10:30 p.m. local time Saturday.

It was a peaceful but "unpermitted and unsanctioned event," he said, until some in the crowd started breaking windows and spraying paint on retail shops that line the downtown corridor. A fire was started in a coffee shop entryway but was extinguished once police cleared the way for firefighters, Friend said.

Eighteen businesses were damaged, with the cost of repairs estimated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. No injuries were reported. Friend said he wasn't sure if the damage was caused by people marching in support of immigrants' rights, or if the group had been "infiltrated by anarchists."

Anarchy signs were spray-painted on some of the buildings. "They're a group of people who seem to fancy themselves as revolutionaries, but what they really are are a group of morons," Friend said. □



Susan Peralta, a third generation Mexican-American, protests outside the Arizona Capitol Saturday, May 1, 2010 in Phoenix to protest Arizona's controversial new immigration bill. Activists said outrage over Arizona's controversial immigration law "awakened a sleeping giant" Saturday as rallies demanding federal immigration reform kicked off in cities across the country.

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GOP expands political playing field; Dems slipping



In this April 28, 2010 file photo, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., right, accompanied by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. Republicans are on offense in scores of House and Senate races nationwide amid persistent economic woes and lukewarm support for President Barack Obama. Democrats face serious Senate challenges in at least nine states, including Nevada, where Reid trails in the polls.

Associated Press

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Republicans are on offense in scores of House and Senate races as persistent economic woes and lukewarm support for President Barack Obama continue to weaken Democrats' hold on Congress.

The president and his party are determined to minimize the losses six months before the November elections. But Democrats privately acknowledge the economy and support for Obama must improve before then to avoid the defeats that could cost them control of the House and possibly the Senate.

Primaries in Indiana, Ohio and North Carolina on Tuesday kick off an intense eight weeks of contested

elections. There also are two special House elections to fill vacant Democratic-held seats in Pennsylvania and Hawaii. The outcome could be a clear indicator of the political mood.

"I need your help once more," Obama says in a video message to backers, a plea that underscores the troubles for Democrats. "This year, the stakes are higher than ever," the president adds, warning that Republicans would "undo all that we have accomplished."

Although Obama isn't on the ballot, a Democratic shellacking would be seen as a rebuke of the president's first two years in office, much like 1994 was for President Bill Clinton when the GOP reclaimed the House and Senate. Obama and his party must defend dozens of seats in the 80 or so House races that are competitive; they include some districts that Democrats have held for decades. The party also faces serious Senate challenges in at least nine states, including Nevada, where Majority Leader Harry Reid trails in the polls. Democratic seats in Illinois and Delaware, once held by Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, respectively, are in jeopardy, too.

While Republican prospects are looking up, infighting between moderates and angry conservatives might dash the party's hopes. Gov. Charlie Crist's decision to run as an independent set up a three-way Senate race in Florida that could cost the GOP the seat. A similar party battle in Kentucky, which holds its primary May 18, is creating headaches for Republicans.

At this point, analysts for both parties say Republicans probably will pick up as many

as three dozen House seats, and possibly the 40 needed for control. The GOP is expected to win a few Senate seats, though the 10 necessary to take control is considered a long shot.

Democrats are hoping an electorate furious with Washington will give them credit for accomplishing big goals such as health care overhaul and possibly financial reform.

"With the battle lines already drawn for the 2010 election, voters will ultimately support candidates who are delivering results, reforming the system, bringing change to Washington, and getting things done, which is exactly what President Obama is doing," Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, said recently.

Countered Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who leads the party's Senate efforts: "I wouldn't confuse action with progress. Clearly this administration is a pro-government administration. And slowly but surely, we're starting to see the American people reject that approach. Voters are going to rise up with a vengeance and say 'No' to more government."

Republicans have stood in lock-step opposition to Obama's policies, and they hope that voters furious about increased spending and the growth of government will punish Democrats. Most Americans say the country is headed in the wrong direction and half of the nation doesn't approve of Obama's job performance. Approval of Democrats is even lower. Unemployment remains high and foreclosures are rampant. Since 2010 began, Republicans have watched more Senate races than they expected become competitive. □

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Weekend storms kill at least 11

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Seven people were killed in Tennessee and four in northern Mississippi by a line of storms that brought heavy flooding and tornados to the region over the weekend.

More rain and storms loomed Sunday as emergency officials in Tennessee sought help from the state's Army National Guard, and urged people to stay off roads and interstate highways turned into raging rivers.

At a Sunday news conference, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen said it will likely be days before floodwaters recede enough to thoroughly assess the damage to roads and bridges.

Tennessee officials have confirmed 7 deaths. At least three people are missing after getting swept away by flood waters, and one of them is presumed dead by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, which would bring the death toll to

8.

Bredesen said he expects to ask for federal disaster designation.

TEMA spokesman Jeremy Heidt confirmed that one person died around 4 a.m. local time Sunday in a possible tornado near Pochahontas, east of Memphis.

No further details were available. Tennessee officials had earlier said as many as eight people died before reducing the death toll to six. Meanwhile, National Guard and Tennessee Highway Patrol helicopters with hoisting capabilities were on standby to rescue people from the floodwaters that covered city streets and left cars stranded on interstate highways turned into rivers.

In northern Mississippi, officials said a man died after his car was submerged under flood waters.

Two people died in a mobile home that "looks like you stuck about four sticks of dynamite

on it and it just disappeared," said Coroner John Riles.

County Emergency Management coordinator David Shaw said one person was killed in the town of Abbeville, where 15 or 20 houses were damaged by strong winds.

A line of strong thunderstorms Saturday dumped at least 10 inches of rain on Memphis and produced tornadoes and hail along the Mississippi River Valley in Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and northward.

The forecast called for more rain through the day Sunday, which could stymie rescuers trying to reach all of the far-flung areas that have been affected.

Some areas were hit by 13 inches of flash flooding on Saturday, and the same was expected on Sunday, Browning said. □



A tanker truck is pushed against trees after being washed away, Sunday, May 2, 2010 in Nashville, Tenn. Severe storms dumped heavy rain on Tennessee for the second straight day.

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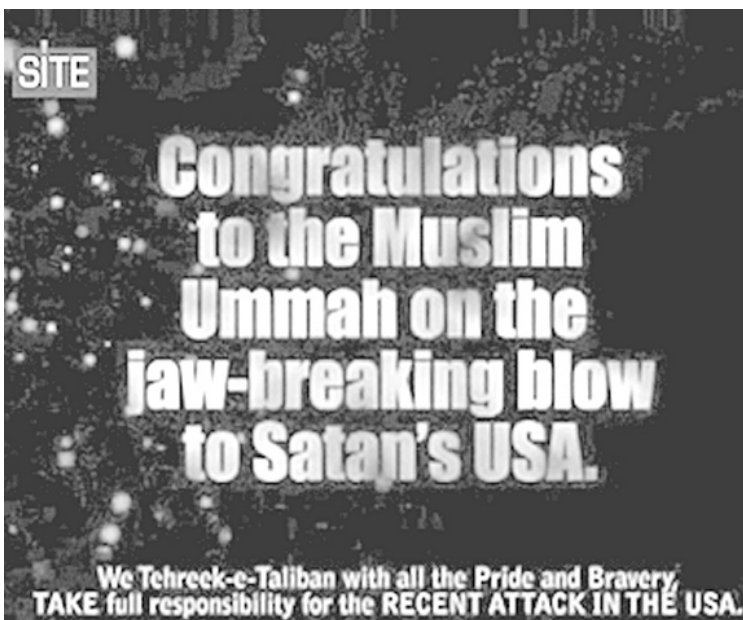
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This image made from video allegedly released by the Pakistani Taliban and provided by SITE Intelligence Group on Sunday, May 2, 2010 shows the opening of a video taking credit for Saturday's attempted car bomb attack in New York City's Time Square. In the 1 minute, 11 second video, the militant group says the attack is revenge for the death of its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, and the recent slaying of al-Qaida in Iraq leaders Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri, who were killed by U.S. and Iraqi troops last month north of Baghdad. (SITE Intelligence Group)

Associated Press

Pakistani Taliban claims NYC car bomb

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CAIRO (AP) — The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility in a video posted on the Internet Sunday for the attempted car bomb attack in New York City's Times Square, according to the SITE Intelligence Group.

In the 1 minute, 11 second video allegedly released by the Pakistani Taliban, the militant group says the attack is revenge for the death of its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, and the recent slaying of al-Qaida in Iraq leaders Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri, who were killed by U.S. and Iraqi troops last month north of Baghdad.

SITE, a U.S.-based terrorist tracking organization, first uncovered the video on

YouTube. The tape, which later appeared to have been removed from the website, makes no specific reference to the attack in New York, nor does it mention that the location or that it was a car bomb. New York City's police commissioner said there's no evidence of a Taliban link to the failed car bomb.

In a copy of the tape provided by SITE, an unidentified voice speaking in Urdu, the primary language in Pakistan, says the group takes "full responsibility for the RECENT ATTACK IN THE USA." The speaker says it comes in response to American "interference and terrorism in Muslim Countries, especially in Pakistan for (the) Lal Masjid operation," a reference to the Pakistani army's 2007 storming of the Red Mosque in Islamabad where militants were holed up inside.

The claim could not be immediately verified. But if it turns out to be genuine, it would be the first time the Pakistani Taliban has struck outside of South Asia. It has no known global infrastructure like al-Qaida. In at least one past instance, the Pakistani Taliban has claimed responsibility for an attack it played no role in. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs declined to comment on the claim.

"I'm not going to get into assumptions about who might be involved or what their motives might be," Gibbs said on Air Force One as President Barack Obama flew to New

Orleans.

At the start of the video, a text in gold letters on black background celebrates the "jaw-breaking blow to Satan's USA." As the speaker delivers the message, images of the slain militants mentioned flash across the screen. English subtitles are provided at the bottom.

The speaker says the attack also avenges U.S. drone strikes in Pakistani tribal areas that target Taliban leaders hiding there and the "abduction, torture and humiliation" of Aafia Siddiqui. Siddiqui is a 37-year-old Pakistani scientist who was convicted in a U.S. court in New York in February of trying to kill American service personnel after her arrest in Afghanistan in 2008. Her case has triggered anger among Pakistani extremist groups and in sections of the media. As the message concludes, the voice calls on NATO countries — who have troops stationed in Afghanistan — to oppose "evil U.S. policies" and "sincerely apologize for the massacres in Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan and Pakistani tribal areas."

The Pakistani Taliban is one of Pakistan's largest and deadliest militant groups. It has strong links to al-Qaida and is based in the northwest close to the Afghan border. The group has carried out scores of bloody attacks inside Pakistan in recent years, mostly against Pakistani targets, but it has made no secret of its hatred toward the United States. □



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Gunshot starts stampede at Mexico fair; 5 killed



An army soldier stands guard outside a bar in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Wednesday, April 28, 2010. According to police authorities, gunmen dragged 8 men out of this bar in the early morning hours and were later executed in bar's the parking lot.

MARK WALSH

Associated Press Writer

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Five people were trampled to death early Sunday when a gunshot fired at a cattle fair sent a panic-stricken crowd rushing for the exits in a northern Mexico town already on edge from rampant drug violence.

Associated Press

At least 17 other people were injured at the fair in Guadalupe, outside the industrial city of Monterrey, said Adrian de la Garza, head of the Nuevo Leon State Investigative Agency. The dead, two women and three men, lay outside the building surrounded by crumpled beer cans and other litter dropped in the rush.

Police found a bullet casing from the shot that likely caused the 1 a.m. stampede, de la Garza said at a news conference.

At least 12 people at the scene were detained for questioning, according to an agency official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk publicly about the case.

He said Guadalupe officials were investigating possible negligence by organizers of the fair, which featured live music and games.

Guadalupe Mayor Ivonne Alvarez said the rest of the event has been canceled.

A surge in shootouts has shaken the Monterrey area and other parts of northeastern Mexico, where the Gulf cartel is battling for territory with its former ally, the Zetas gang of hit men. Five people were killed Saturday night in a gunbattle between gang members and soldiers in Camargo, a small town in Tamaulipas state, which borders Nuevo Leon, according to a brief statement from the Tamaulipas government. The statement said the five killed were civilians but did not say whether any were bystanders.

Innocent bystanders have increasingly been caught in the crossfire. Two children were killed last month when the car they were riding in drove into a gunbattle between soldiers and gang members outside the Tamaulipas city of Nuevo Laredo.

In March, two Monterrey university students were killed during a shootout between soldiers and gunmen at the gates of their campus.

In a report released late Saturday, the federal Attorney General's Office said one of the students was killed by a bullet fired by gang members. No conclusions could be determined from the bullet fragments extracted from the other student, the report said.

Sunday's stampede was the second time in a month that fears of shootings sent crowds fleeing from a fair in northeastern Mexico.

On April 2, rumors of gunfire sent thousands fleeing a street fair in the Gulf coast city of Tampico where singer Jenni Rivera was about to perform. Rivera's security team rushed her from the stage.

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In this March 29, 2010 file photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency on March 30, 2010, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il poses for photos with Liu Hongcai, new Chinese ambassador to North Korea, unseen, in Pyongyang, capital of North Korea. A special train from North Korea arrived in a Chinese border city amid speculation of a visit to the country by Kim Jong Il, a news report said, though the reclusive leader's whereabouts remained unclear.

Associated Press

Reports: N. Korean leader travels to China

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was believed to be making a rare trip to China on Monday aboard his personal armored train, South Korean news reports said.

Kim's train arrived early Monday in the Chinese border town of Dandong, where some 200 Chinese soldiers and police had blocked traffic and access to the area, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported from the border.

Kim, who rarely travels abroad but had been rumored to be planning a trip to neighboring China, was believed to be on board, Yonhap said.

Officials at South Korea's Unification Ministry and National Intelligence Service said they could not immediately confirm Kim's reported trip.

Kim's visit to China has been a focus of intense attention in recent months, with six-nation nuclear disarmament talks stalled for a year and tensions rising over the sinking of a South

Korean naval ship in late March.

Kim, following through on Chinese President Hu Jintao's invitation last year to visit China, was expected to ask Beijing for financial help as Pyongyang copes with an economic crisis at home.

North Korea quit the disarmament-for-aid talks and conducted a second nuclear test last year, drawing tightened U.N. sanctions. China is North Korea's last ally and biggest aid provider and is widely seen as the country with the most clout with its communist neighbor.

The trip would be Kim's first to China since 2006, and his first since reportedly suffering a stroke in August 2008. Kim, who turned 68 in February, is believed to be grooming his youngest son, Kim Jong Un, to succeed him as leader of the nation of 24 million.

The train was heading to the eastern Chinese city of Dalian and will likely travel on to Beijing, Yonhap reported, citing unidentified diplomatic sources

in Dandong and Beijing.

The Seoul broadcaster YTN carried a similar report.

Kim's visit also takes place as South Korea investigates the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship near the tense maritime border with the North. South Korea has not directly blamed its Cold War-era rival and North Korea has denied involvement, but suspicion has focused on Pyongyang, given its history of provocations and attacks on the South.

Seoul officials have vowed retaliation against the culprits behind the March 26 tragedy that killed 46 sailors in one of the country's worst naval disasters. The two Koreas remain locked in a state of war because their three-year conflict ended in a truce in 1953, not a peace treaty.

The South Korean warship went down near the spot where the Koreas' navies have fought three bloody sea battles since 1999. North Korea disputes the maritime border drawn by the United Nations. □

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Pope all but endorses authenticity of Turin Shroud



Pope Benedict XVI leaves San Giovanni cathedral after praying in front of the Holy Shroud, seen in the background, in Turin, Italy, Sunday, May 2, 2010. Benedict XVI took a break Sunday from dealing with the clerical sex abuse scandal to pray before the Shroud of Turin, the linen with an image of a crucified man on it that some believe is Christ's burial cloth and others dismiss as a medieval fake.

Associated Press

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press Writer

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI all but gave an outright endorsement of the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin, calling the cloth that some believe is Christ's burial shroud an icon "written with the blood" of a crucified man. During a visit Sunday to the Shroud in the northern Italian city of Turin, Benedict didn't raise the scientific questions that surround the linen and whether it might be a medieval forgery. Instead, he delivered a powerful meditation on the faith that holds that the Shroud is indeed Christ's burial cloth. "This is a burial cloth that wrapped the remains of a crucified man in full

correspondence with what the Gospels tell us of Jesus," Benedict said. He said the relic — one of the most important in Christianity — should be seen as a photographic document of the "darkest mystery of faith" — that of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The 14-foot-long, 3.5-foot-wide cloth has gone on public display for the first time since the 2000 Millennium celebrations and a subsequent 2002 restoration. Kept in a bulletproof, climate-controlled case in Turin's cathedral, it has drawn nearly 2 million reservations from pilgrims and tourists eager to spend three to five minutes viewing it.

The Shroud bears the figure of a crucified man, complete with

blood seeping from his hands and feet, and believers say Christ's image was recorded on the linen's fibers at the time of his resurrection.

Benedict focused in his meditation on the message that the blood stains conveyed, saying the Shroud was "an icon written in blood; the blood of a man who was whipped, crowned with thorns, crucified and injured on his right side.

"The image on the Shroud is that of a dead man, but the blood speaks of his life. Each trace of blood speaks of love and life," Benedict said.

The Vatican to date had tiptoed around the issue of just what the Shroud of Turin is, calling it a powerful symbol of Christ's suffering while making no claim to its authenticity.

Benedict's meditation — delivered after he prayed as if in a trance before the shroud — appeared to imply that in the end it doesn't matter what science says about its authenticity.

"The Shroud of Turin offers us the image of how his body lay in the tomb during that time (of death); time that was brief chronologically — about a day and a half — but was immense, infinite in its value and significance," Benedict said. A Vatican researcher said late last year that faint writing on the linen, which she studied through computer-enhanced images, proves the cloth was used to wrap Jesus' body after

his crucifixion.

But experts stand by carbon-dating of scraps of the cloth that determine the linen was made in the 13th or 14th century in a kind of medieval forgery. That testing didn't explain how the image on the Shroud — of a man with wounds similar to those suffered by Christ — was formed. However, some have suggested the dating results might have been skewed by contamination and called for a larger sample to be analyzed. When Pope John Paul II

visited the Shroud during a 1998 public display, he said its mystery forces questions about faith and science and whether it really was Christ's burial shroud. But he said the church had "no specific competence to pronounce on these questions" and urged continuous study.

Benedict, who has made the interplay of faith and science a hallmark of his papacy, did not mention the role of science and reason in his remarks Sunday. □

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‘Nightmare,’ ‘Iron Man’ lead US, overseas bills



FILE - In this film publicity file image released by Warner Bros., Jackie Earle Haley portrays Freddy Krueger in New Line Cinema's horror film, 'A Nightmare On Elm Street.' Freddy Krueger is raking in cash at the box office again. A remake of the slasher flick 'A Nightmare on Elm Street' led the weekend with a \$32.2 million debut. The movie features Jackie Earle Haley as Krueger, a psycho killer who stalks and slays victims in their dreams. ... Read more »

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By **DAVID GERMAIN**,
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES – Freddy Krueger is raking in cash at the box office again, while Robert Downey Jr.'s "Iron Man 2" got off to a big start overseas.

A remake of the slasher flick "A Nightmare on Elm Street" led the weekend with a \$32.2 million debut domestically, according to studio estimates Sunday. Released by the Warner Bros. banner New Line, the movie features Jackie Earle Haley as Krueger, a psycho killer who stalks and slays victims in their dreams.

Paramount's "Iron Man 2" got an international head start on its domestic debut this Friday, pulling in \$100.2 million in 53 foreign markets. While Hollywood blockbusters typically open around the same date in most countries, some get an overseas jump of a week or more on their U.S. debuts.

"Iron Man 2" brought in \$12.2 million in Great Britain, \$10.8 million in South Korea, \$8.8 million in Australia and \$8.2 million in France. According to Paramount, the sequel had bigger openings than 2008's "Iron Man" in every market.

"Iron Man 2" continues the story of Downey's billionaire superhero, a genius who builds himself a metal suit loaded with gadgets. Mickey Rourke co-stars as a new enemy with his own high-tech arsenal.

Fright films typically drop steeply in their second weekends, since hardcore horror fans rush out to see them in the first few days. But "A Nightmare on Elm Street" already is headed toward a solid profit after an opening weekend that roughly matched its modest production budget of just over \$30 million.

Given the history of slasher sagas — the original 1984 "A Nightmare on Elm Street" was followed by seven sequels — the franchise likely has a long life ahead of it.

"It's certainly something we would entertain, the same with 'Friday the 13th,'" another New Line horror series that was revived last year and has a sequel in the works, said Dan Fellman, head of distribution at Warner Bros.

"A Nightmare on Elm Street" was unable to match the fresh start of "Friday the 13th," whose remake had a \$40 million opening weekend in February 2009.

This weekend's other new wide release, Brendan Fraser's family comedy "Furry Vengeance," bombed with just \$6.5 million. The Summit Entertainment release stars Fraser as a housing developer assailed by the cute woodland creatures whose habitat is threatened by construction.

The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, DreamWorks Animation's hit "How to Train Your Dragon," slipped to second place with \$10.8 million, raising its total to \$192.4 million.

While "A Nightmare on Elm Street" opened well, overall business was modest, continuing a lull as theaters prepare for the summer season, Hollywood's busiest time. □



Actress Jessica Alba arrives for the Tribeca Film Festival Awards Night ceremony Thursday, April 29, 2010 in New York.... Read more »

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Rush documentary wins Tribeca audience award

By **Gregg Goldstein**

NEW YORK (Hollywood Reporter) – Tribeca Film Festival attendees have selected the rockumentary "Rush: Beyond the Lighted Stage" for the fest's 2010 Heineken Audience Award.

Scot McFadyen and Sam Dunn's Canadian feature received the \$25,000 award Saturday night at the TFF Wrap Party in Chelsea's Altman Building.

The film chronicles the 42-year history of the band, whose status as a heavy metal act has provoked online debate for several years. Interviews with fans such as Gene Simmons, Billy Corgan and Jack Black are featured alongside profiles of Rush bandmates Geddy Lee, Alex Lifeson and Neil Peart.

"The best documentary films are just great stories with characters who jump off the screen, and that is certainly the case with 'Rush: Beyond the Lighted Stage,'" said TFF executive director Nancy Schafer.

"Receiving the Heineken Audience Award at Tribeca means a lot to us as Rush has always been a band of the people," said directors McFadyen and Dunn. "It was great to see Rush fans and non-fans enjoy the movie together." □

Polanski breaks silence over US extradition case

By **ANGELA DOLAND**,
Associated Press Writer

PARIS – Filmmaker Roman Polanski, breaking a months-long silence, said Sunday that the U.S. is demanding his extradition from Switzerland on a 33-year-old sex case largely to serve him "on a platter to the media."

Polanski, who is under house arrest in his Alpine Swiss chalet, laid out his case against extradition on an online magazine run by one of his staunchest supporters, French philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy.

"I have had my share of dramas and joys, as we all have, and I am not going to try to ask you to pity my lot in life," he wrote. "I ask only to be treated fairly like anyone else."

Polanski suggests the case against him is unjust and riddled with problems. Each argument begins with the phrase: "I can remain silent no longer."

One of Polanski's complaints is that Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, "who is handling this case and has requested (the) extradition, is himself campaigning for election and needs media publicity!" Cooley is running for California attorney general.

The district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said the office "will withhold comment until the Swiss make a decision on his fugitive status."

Swiss authorities are trying to decide whether to extradite Polanski to Los Angeles for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

Polanski was arrested seven months ago as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award at a film festival.

The Oscar-winning director of "Rosemary's Baby," "Chinatown" and "The Pianist" was put behind bars for more than two months before being transferred on \$4.5 million bail to house arrest in the luxury resort of Gstaad. Polanski wrote in the online magazine, La Regle du



FILE - In this Jan. 15, 2009 file photo, film director Roman Polanski in Montrouge, France. Filmmaker Roman Polanski has broken his months-long silence to lay out his case for why he should not be extradited from Switzerland to the U.S, it was reported Sunday, May 2, 2010. In a post on a friend's Web site, Polanski says he is not asking for pity but only asks 'to be treated fairly like anyone else.'

(AP Photo/Michel Euler, File)

Jeu, that he had mortgaged his apartment to pay the bail.

Three decades ago, Polanski was accused of plying his victim with champagne and part of a Quaalude during a modeling shoot and raping her. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy. He later pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse.

What happened after that is a subject of dispute. The defense says the now deceased judge, Laurence J. Rittenband, had agreed in meetings with attorneys to sentence Polanski to a 90-day diagnostic study and nothing more.

But the judge later changed his mind and summoned Polanski for further sentencing — at which time he fled to his native France, attorneys said. Polanski claimed the judge "betrayed" him and wanted "to gain himself some publicity at my expense." He said the request for his extradition is "founded on a lie."

Polanski said retired Deputy District Attorney Roger Gunson, who worked on the case three decades ago, has confirmed his take on events under oath. □



Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The US stock market lurched wildly this week, tumbling as Europe's debt crisis intensified and as fraud charges rattled financial players.

(AFP/File/Don Emmert)

Fraud charges and Greece crisis batter Wall Street

NEW YORK (AFP) – The US stock market lurched wildly this week, tumbling as Europe's debt crisis intensified and as fraud charges rattled financial players.

After starting the week strongly the Dow embarked on a massive mid-week slump, spiraling down over 200 points on Tuesday as Standard and Poor's downgraded Greek bonds to junk status and also sliced Portugal's debt rating.

The Dow lost 1.75 percent for the week, shedding almost 200 points. The tech-rich Nasdaq lost 2.73 percent and the broad-based S&P 500 lost 2.5 percent.

"Concerns about euro area sovereign debt broadened this week, threatening contagion from Greece to other vulnerable economies," said Barclays Capital analysts.

"The Greek problem matters for global markets because it raises serious issues about the operation of the euro currency bloc."

The sell-off intensified on Wednesday when Spain's rating was downgraded, sending its borrowing costs soaring.

Investors awaited details of a multi-billion-dollar bailout from the International Monetary Fund and the European Union over the weekend.

"Market sentiment is likely to hinge on the details of the EU-IMF support package for Greece and the likelihood that the EU portion gets delivered," said Barclays.

After a brief recovery on Thursday the Dow plummeted 159 points on Friday.

Shares in Goldman Sachs were in tact throughout much of a testing week, which saw CEO Lloyd Blankfein hauled before Congress to answer for his firm's role in the financial crisis.

In a day-long grilling Goldman executives were faced with angry questions about why they bet against the US housing market and about fraud charges leveled by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Goldman's shares were steadily up until Friday trade, when news leaked that New York prosecutors are working on a criminal case against the firm.

Stocks ended the week down 7.75 percent, shaving billions of the company's value.

That rattled other financial stocks as investors feared that more charges could be in the pipeline and that Goldman's woes would spur lawmakers to toughen planned financial reform. □

Euro partners agree on \$145B Greek bailout

By RAF CASERT
and ELENA BECATOROS,
Associated Press Writers

BRUSSELS – European governments and the International Monetary Fund on Sunday committed to pull Greece back from the brink of default, agreeing on euro110 billion in emergency loans on the condition Athens make painful budget cuts and tax increases.

The rescue is aimed at keeping Greece from defaulting on its debts and preventing its financial crisis from infecting other indebted countries just as Europe is struggling out of recession.

After chiding Athens for years of mismanagement and cheating on their budget reporting, the IMF and Greece's 15 partners that share the euro currency rewarded Prime Minister George Papandreou for tough measures including cuts in civil servant's pay.

"I have done and will do everything so the country does not go bankrupt," Papandreou told a nation which now faces years of painful belt-tightening after years of overspending.

France, Greece's most sympathetic partner, agreed there was no other choice.

"It's a very harsh plan because there was a lot of laxity," Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said.

But even Germany, long the fiercest critic of Greece's boundless spending, saw the need to back a euro-partner in such dire need — if only to keep the shared currency out of more trouble. The crisis is already threatening other eurozone countries with huge financial problems, including Portugal and Spain.

"It is not an easy decision but there is no alternative," German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble said after

the eurozone finance ministers approved the package in an emergency meeting in Brussels.

Lagarde also insisted that "everyone has an interest in Greece being stable and trusted."

The plan will still need approval by some countries' parliaments. But the eurogroup head, Luxembourg's Jean-Claude Juncker, said Greece will get the first funds by May 19, when Athens has euro8.5 billion worth of a 10-year bond maturing.

Next Friday, the government leaders of the eurozone will convene in Brussels for an extraordinary summit to wrap up the rescue package and look at ways to avoid it in the future.

The new Greek measures include cuts in civil servants' salaries and pensions, and tax increases, including for tobacco and alcohol, that aim to cut the deficit to below 3 percent of gross domestic product by 2014 from 13.6 percent now.

"We are called on today to make a basic choice. The choice is between collapse or salvation," George Papaconstantinou said before flying to Brussels.

Violent protests already marked the Labor Day parades in Athens on Saturday and more demonstrations and a nationwide general strike is set for Wednesday.

"These are the harshest, most unfair measures ever enacted. That is why our reaction will be decisive and dynamic. You can't always make the workers pay for the results of failed policies," Stathis Anestis, spokesman for Greece's largest umbrella union, GSEE, told The Associated Press.

Yet with Papandreou's Socialists holding a large



Chairman of the Eurogroup Jean-Claude Juncker addresses the media at the European Council building in Brussels, Sunday, May 2, 2010. Finance Ministers of the 16 nations using the euro met on Sunday to review a proposed bailout for Greece.

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

parliamentary majority, his austerity plan is unlikely to face obstacles before it is rushed through parliament by Friday.

"Economic reality has forced us to take very harsh decisions," Papandreou said, adding that "This is the only way we will finance our euro300 billion debt."

The IMF's lead negotiator in Athens, Poul Thomsen, praised Greece's "draconian reforms" that he said could help "shock and awe markets and re-establish confidence." Greece was in essence locked out of the normal source for government borrowing, the bond market. Investors were demanding high interest rates the government said it could not pay.

As confidence returns, it is hoped those rates will come down. Still, some economists think Greece, though saved for the moment, will eventually have difficulty paying down its debt load because it has poor prospects for economic growth. □

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McIlroy wins first PGA Tour event in style

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — All the buzz about Rory McIlroy came to life Sunday at the Quail Hollow Championship with one dazzling shot after another in a record round that made him the PGA Tour's youngest winner since Tiger Woods. Explosive as ever, the 20-year-old Northern Irishman was 5 under over the final five holes to set the course record at 10-under 62 and win by four shots over Masters champion Phil Mickelson.

McIlroy finished in style, rolling in a 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole and thrusting his fist into the air.

"I suppose I got into the zone," said McIlroy, who celebrates his 21st birthday on Tuesday. "I hadn't realized I was going in 9, 10 under. I just know I



Rory McIlroy of Ireland holds the championship trophy after winning the Quail Hollow Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 2, 2010. McIlroy, who celebrates his 21st birthday on Tuesday to become the youngest PGA Tour winner since Tiger Woods in 1996.

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got my nose in front and I was just trying to stay there."

It capped a big Sunday for golf's young stars. Earlier in the day, 18-year-old Ryo Ishikawa shot a record 58 in the final round to win on the Japan Golf Tour.

McIlroy delivered an awesome display of skill that left two-time major champion Angel Cabrera in his wake and thrilled thousands of fans on a steamy day at Quail Hollow. With a one-shot lead, McIlroy hit a 5-iron from 207 yards up the hill to 3 feet for eagle on the 15th. From a fairway bunker on the 16th, he hit 7-iron to 5 feet for another birdie. Then came the finish, when he knocked in a 40-foot putt that made fans leap from their chairs and had made McIlroy's freckled-face burst with joy.

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Onlookers pass by a microwave oven after a robot with the Pittsburgh Bomb Squad detonated the device outside the Greyhound Transportation Center during the Pittsburgh Marathon, Sunday, May 2, 2010. A suspected explosive device inside a microwave oven diverted the runners as they approached the finish line.

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JENNIFER C. YATES

Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A suspicious device near the finish line of the Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday prompted police to briefly stop the race after it had begun. The device was disabled and police said it was not believed to have been an actual explosive.

The device, in a small

microwave oven, was spotted Sunday morning on the sidewalk next to the Greyhound bus station after the race leaders had finished the course, police Lt. Kevin Kraus said.

The bomb squad determined there were contents that resembled an explosive, and the area was evacuated, Kraus said.

Pittsburgh Marathon disrupted by bomb scare

He declined to describe the materials that concerned authorities pending a further evaluation.

"Certainly, from what we did see on the X-rays, we were highly concerned," he said.

The disruption came a day after a car-bomb scare in New York emptied Times Square, clearing thousands of tourists from the streets for 10 hours. Kraus said police stopped the 26.2-mile race in the area for 10 to 12 minutes. The competition resumed after the bomb squad used a robot to disable the device and the area was cleared shortly before 11 a.m., he said.

"At this point, we believe it was not an actual explosive devices, but we are still evaluating the microwave and its contents," Kraus said.

He said surveillance cameras in the area were being examined to try to find out who put the device there.

Police could not immediately confirm the race was re-routed.

But Karen Fredette, a marathon spokeswoman, said the race was diverted around the block where the device was found but the finish of the race near the David L. Lawrence Convention Center was not changed.

"We're really happy and happy that everyone is everybody is safe," Fredette said.

A crowd waiting for runners to pass at mile 26 saw the first 10 or 15 runners go by and then were told to move up the street by marathon staff, said Kathleen Riordan, 41, who was waiting for her husband

to run by.

"At first I wasn't sure what was going on, either. I thought it was kind of strange that they were changing the marathon course," Riordan said. She didn't hear about the suspicious device until she got to the end of the course.

About 5,000 people took part in the full marathon, which does not attract the sport's elite runners.

Katie Miller, 34, of Butler, and sister Jamie Kemerer, 31, finished in about 5½ hours and didn't notice any disruptions. The sisters said the only complication was a steady rain that had slowed to a drizzle by mid-day.

"Our shoes," Kemerer said. "It was 5 pounds on each foot." □

Miyazato wins in Mexico for third title of season

STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — Ai Miyazato of Japan won her third tournament of the LPGA season, shooting a 6-under 67 to win the Tres Marias Championship by one stroke Sunday in the final tournament for top-ranked Lorena Ochoa. Miyazato was 19-under 273 to finish a shot ahead of Stacy Lewis (66) of United States and two in front of Michelle Wie (68), but the win was overshadowed by Ochoa's last round before stepping into retirement to raise a family and focus on her charity foundation.

Ochoa, the tournament winner three of the last four years, shot a 71 to finish sixth at 12 under.

During the trophy ceremony on the 18th green, Miyazato broke down crying as she thanked Ochoa.

Ochoa, a few feet away, also rubbed tears from her eyes in bright sunlight on the mountainside course. Ochoa choose Miyazato as her playing partner for the first two rounds.

"I want to say thanks to Lorena," Miyazato said. "I really appreciate what she did for the LPGA and what she did for her country here in Mexico.

"She is one of my best friends," Miyazato added, beginning to cry. "I'm going to miss her." Miyazato, 24, swept the season-opening events in Thailand and Singapore after winning the Evian Masters last year in France for her first LPGA Tour title.

Ochoa has held the No. 1 ranking since April 2007. LPGA projections show she will lose it to Jiyai Shin of South Korea when the latest rankings are released Monday. Shin won in Japan on Sunday. Ochoa is likely to drop to No. 2 with Miyazato moving to No. 3.

Michelle Ellis, president of the LPGA players' association, was one of several people who saluted Ochoa on the 18th

green.

"She is going to be dearly missed by the players and all members of the LPGA family," Ellis said. "I think her heart and her spirit out does her golf game by 1,000 yards."

Ochoa won 27 tournaments, including two majors, and won the Player of the Year title four straight years.

"For the last eight years all of you have been there," Ochoa said, sobbing as she spoke to fellow players.

"First when I got here everybody was friendly and welcoming. So thanks for being friends, for the inspiration. It is hard to put into words, but this has been eight years of a lot of fun and I made friends I will never forget in my life."

Ochoa was married in December to Aeromexico chief executive Andres Conesa, who has three children by a previous marriage. She has talked often about wanting her own children, but she told a news conference last week in Mexico City that she was not pregnant.

Ochoa found time for everyone, even on the final day of her career.

Walking down the first fairway she stopped to kiss two young boys on the cheek who were carrying the scoreboard.

Approaching the second green, she stopped to embrace fellow player Christina Kim, who ran from the eighth green to hug her.

"I'm not going to be able to wait to see her when she finishes, so I wanted to do it here," Kim said.

Kim described Ochoa a few days ago as a near-saint in Mexico.

"I've been saying for years she going to be canonized one of these days," Kim said.

Elizabeth Arroyo and husband Jose drove three hours from the city of Guanajuato.

"Lorena is important for golf, but she is more important for the image of women in Mexico," Elizabeth said.

All day, the crowds chanted "Go Lore!" or "You can do it!"

Near the ninth tee hundreds of fans held up red, yellow, blue and pink cards spelling out "Lorena." Moments before she stopped just short of throwing her club to the ground when a poor chip fell short of the green.

As she walked up the 18th fairway, thousands began waving white handkerchiefs — like they do at a bullfight to salute the bullfighter — and shouted "Lo-Re-Na! "Lo-Re-Na!"

Ochoa was asked if the celebration at 18 reminded her of the loud applause at St. Andrews when she won the Women's British Open in 2007. □



Mexico's Lorena Ochoa, left, is presented by Japan's Ai Miyazato, right, with a caddy vest signed by fellow participating golfers during an event honoring Ochoa at the Corona Morelia golf championship in Morelia, Mexico, Sunday, May 2, 2010. The LPGA Corona Morelia golf championship is Ochoa's last as she is retiring from the game.

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NBA Roundup

Kobe rallies Lakers past Jazz in 2nd-round opener

Utah Jazz guard Wesley Matthews, left, reaches for the ball against Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant during the second half of Game 1 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, May 2, 2010, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won 104-99.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 11 of his 31 points in the final four minutes as the Los Angeles Lakers blew a fourth-quarter lead before rallying for a 104-99 victory over the Utah Jazz in their second-round playoff series opener Sunday. Pau Gasol had 25 points and

12 rebounds for the top-seeded Lakers, who played a dismal final period before Bryant seized control. Last season's NBA finals most valuable player coolly scored seven consecutive points, followed by a dynamic slice through the lane for a layup with 22.6 seconds left.

Deron Williams scored 24 points for fifth-seeded Utah, which managed just one more field goal after taking a 93-89 lead with 4:10 to play.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night at Staples Center.

Hawks 95, Bucks 74

At Atlanta, Jamal Crawford scored 22 points and Al

Horford put up a double-double as Atlanta pulled away from Milwaukee to win their first round playoff 4-3.

After keeping their season alive with a gutsy win in Milwaukee, the Hawks made sure the Bucks were in no position to duplicate their improbable Game 5 upset.

The third-seeded Hawks advanced to face No. 2 Orlando in the Eastern Conference semifinals. The Magic, who have been resting since wrapping up a sweep of Charlotte last Monday, will host the first two games of the series beginning Tuesday. □

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He finished at 15-under 273 and won \$1.17 million.

Woods, who missed the cut this week, was 20 years and 10 months when he won his first PGA Tour event in Las Vegas in 1996.

Mickelson was in the hunt until he had to play a right-handed shot from the woods on the 10th hole and made bogey. When he got around to making a charge, McIlroy already was too far ahead. Mickelson closed with a 68,

which he figured would be good enough to win.

The roars he heard ahead of him told him otherwise.

"I've got to congratulate Rory," Mickelson said. "He played some incredible golf. He's an amazing talent. You knew he was going to come out and win out here. He is some kind of player."

Cabrera was tied for the lead with eight holes to play until his putter failed him. The former Masters and U.S. Open champion missed five putts inside 10 feet on the back nine

and shot 68.

Billy Mayfair, who had a two-shot lead going into the final round, lost the lead by hitting into the water on the par-5 seventh for a double bogey and closed with a 76.

McIlroy becomes the first player since Chris Couch at New Orleans in 2006 to make the cut on the number and win the tournament. McIlroy was two over the cut line on Friday with three holes to play until making an eagle on the seventh hole.

He followed with a 66 on Saturday to get back in the hunt, then blew everyone away with a round that ranks among the best.

The previous course record at Quail Hollow was 64.

Padraig Harrington of Ireland closed with a 68 and hung around for two hours to congratulate the kid when he finished. □

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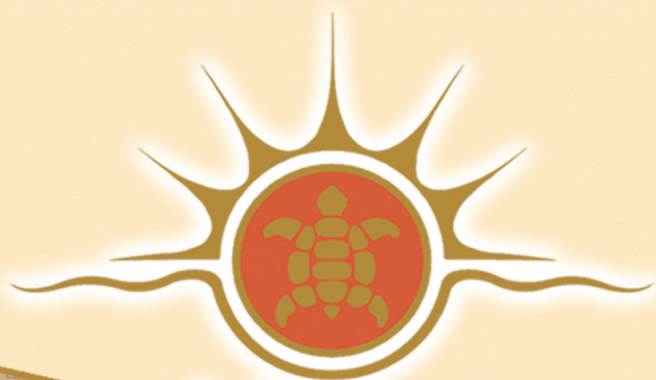
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LeBron James wins MVP award in landslide vote

TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James won his second straight NBA MVP award Sunday, dominating the voting just as he dominated on court all season.

The Cleveland Cavaliers star received 116 of a possible 123 first-place votes to win in a landslide over Oklahoma City forward Kevin Durant. Durant was picked first on four ballots and Orlando center Dwight Howard, who finished fourth, received the other three first-place votes.

Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant had no first-place votes and finished third.

Voting was done by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, and this year one ballot was cast by fans in an online vote. Players were awarded 10 points for first, seven points for second, five for third, three for fourth and one for fifth.

James finished with 1,205 points, nearly doubling Durant (609). His margin of victory is the second largest in history, topped by only teammate Shaquille O'Neal, who by 799 points in 2000.

James is the 10th player to win the award in consecutive seasons, joining Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Moses Malone, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Steve Nash. Russell, Chamberlain and Bird won it three times in a row.

"I never imagined I would be on a list with

names like that," James said. "Those are players I always looked up to when I was a kid."

For the second straight year, James accepted the Maurice Podoloff Trophy in his hometown of Akron.

Last May, he returned to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and received the award in the quaint gymnasium in front of family, friends and the student body. He chose a larger but still familiar stage this year, opting for Rhodes Arena on the campus of the University of Akron.

As James' popularity soared as a prep star, his high school moved many of its games to Rhodes to accommodate overflow crowds and a growing media contingent interested in his story.

The ceremony was open to the public, and fans, many of them wearing an assortment of No. 23 James jerseys, stood in line for hours for their chance to witness yet another coronation of Ohio's basketball king.

"Akron Ohio is my home," he said to loud cheers. "Akron Ohio is my life and I love this city." More than 3,000 fans chanted "M-V-P" when James finally walked on stage to accept his award. He was later joined on the podium by his teammates, each of whom congratulated him with a hug before surrounding him as he completed his acceptance speech.

James led the Cavaliers to 61 regular-season wins. He averaged 29.7 points, 8.6 assists and 7.3 rebounds. □



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, applauds during a speech by Cavs owner Dan Gilbert, during the NBA MVP award ceremony for James on the University of Akron campus, Sunday, May 2, 2010, in Akron, Ohio. The trophy is in the foreground.

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AL Roundup

Wade Davis outduels Greinke, Rays beat Royals 1-0

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Wade Davis beat Zack Greinke in a scintillating pitchers' duel, and Evan Longoria homered in the fourth inning to lift the Tampa Bay Rays over the Kansas City Royals 1-0 on Sunday.

Davis (3-1) allowed three hits, three walks and struck out five in seven innings during his latest matchup with an American League ace. The right-hander has faced the opposing team's opening day starter — including New York Yankees lefty CC Sabathia and Boston's Josh Beckett — in all five of his starts this year.

Greinke (0-3) gave up four hits in his 10th career complete game and first this season.

Orioles 3, Red Sox 2, 10 innings

At Baltimore, Ty Wigginton doubled home the winning run in the 10th inning following a throwing error by Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon to give Baltimore its first three-game sweep of the Red Sox at home in 36 years.

Miguel Tejada had two hits and scored a run for the Orioles, whose three-game winning streak is a season high. The Orioles swept a four-game series from Boston at Camden Yards in 1998, but hadn't swept a three-game set against the Red Sox in Baltimore since Sept. 2-4, 1974.

Nick Markakis led off the 10th with a walk against Papelbon (1-2). Markakis went to second on an errant throw to first by the reliever, then scored without a throw when Wigginton doubled to left-center.

Jason Varitek and J.D.



Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria hits a solo home run in the fourth inning in front of Kansas City Royals catcher Jason Kendall during a baseball game Sunday, May 2, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Drew homered for the Red Sox, who fell to 11-14. Josh Beckett allowed two runs in seven innings.

Yankees 12, White Sox 3

At New York, Mark Teixeira equaled a career high with four hits and Robinson Cano had a three-run homer, backing another dominant performance by Phil Hughes in New York's rout of Chicago.

Teixeira continued his emergence from an April slump with a two-run double and three singles that raised his average to .189. Nick Swisher added a two-run shot and Brett Gardner hit a rare homer to help the Yankees take two of three in the series.

Hughes (3-0) limited the White Sox to four hits over seven scoreless innings, lowering his ERA to 1.44. He struck out six while walking one.

Paul Konerko hit a long three-

run homer in the ninth off Mark Melancon, his 12th.

Tigers 5, Angels 1

At Detroit, Justin Verlander took a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning and Miguel Cabrera hit an RBI single in a four-run fifth to lead Detroit past Los Angeles for its season-best fifth straight victory.

Verlander (2-2) retired 23 in a row before pinch-hitter Maicer Izturis singled with one out in the ninth and Erick Aybar followed with an RBI single to end the right-hander's day. Jose Valverde finished the four-hitter.

Jered Weaver (3-1) allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings. The Angels were swept in the three-game series after winning 10 of 15.

Twins 8, Indians 3

At Cleveland, Delmon Young and rookie Wilson Ramos each had four of Minnesota's 20 hits as Minnesota got

another strong start from Francisco Liriano to beat Cleveland.

Ramos became the first Twins player with four hits in his major league debut since Kirby Puckett on May 8, 1984. Young homered and tied a career high with his four hits.

Liriano (4-0) struck out nine over seven innings after early jitters led to his scoreless streak ending at 23 innings. The left-hander allowed three runs and eight hits, walking three. He has a 1.50 ERA.

Minnesota's Jim Thome homered off David Huff (1-4) to break a 2-all tie in the fifth. The 39-year-old slugger, who hit his first 334 homers for Cleveland, tied Rafael Palmiero for 11th on the career list with 569.

Orlando Hudson had a two-run homer for the Twins.

At Toronto, Shaun Marcum won for the first time since 2008, supported by home

runs from Fred Lewis, Alex Gonzalez and Aaron Hill in Toronto's victory over Oakland.

Hill went 3 for 4 with a walk and the Blue Jays pounded out 10 extra-base hits to win for the seventh time in nine games against the Athletics. Oakland has lost nine of 13 and saw its starting pitchers go 1-5 with an 11.96 ERA on a six-game road trip.

Marcum (1-1), who missed last season after elbow ligament replacement surgery, won for the first time since Sept. 11, 2008, at the Chicago White Sox. The right-hander allowed one run and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Rangers 3, Mariners 1, 11 innings

At Seattle, David Murphy hit a tying single in the ninth inning and a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 11th to rally Texas to a victory over Seattle.

Mariners starter Doug Fister allowed only three hits in eight scoreless innings, but Murphy singled off closer David Aardsma in the ninth to drive in Elvis Andrus.

Murphy put the Rangers ahead with a sacrifice fly off Mark Lowe (1-3), and Andrus made it 3-1 when he scored on the second passed ball of the inning by catcher Rob Johnson.

Texas swept a three-game set in Seattle for the first time since April 1999 at the old Kingdome.

In other AL games it was, N.Y. Yankees 12, Chicago White Sox 3; Detroit 5, L.A. Angels 1; Minnesota 8, Cleveland 3; Toronto 9, Oakland 3; Baltimore 3, Boston 2, 10 innings; Tampa Bay 1, Kansas City 0; and Texas 3, Seattle 1, 11 innings. □

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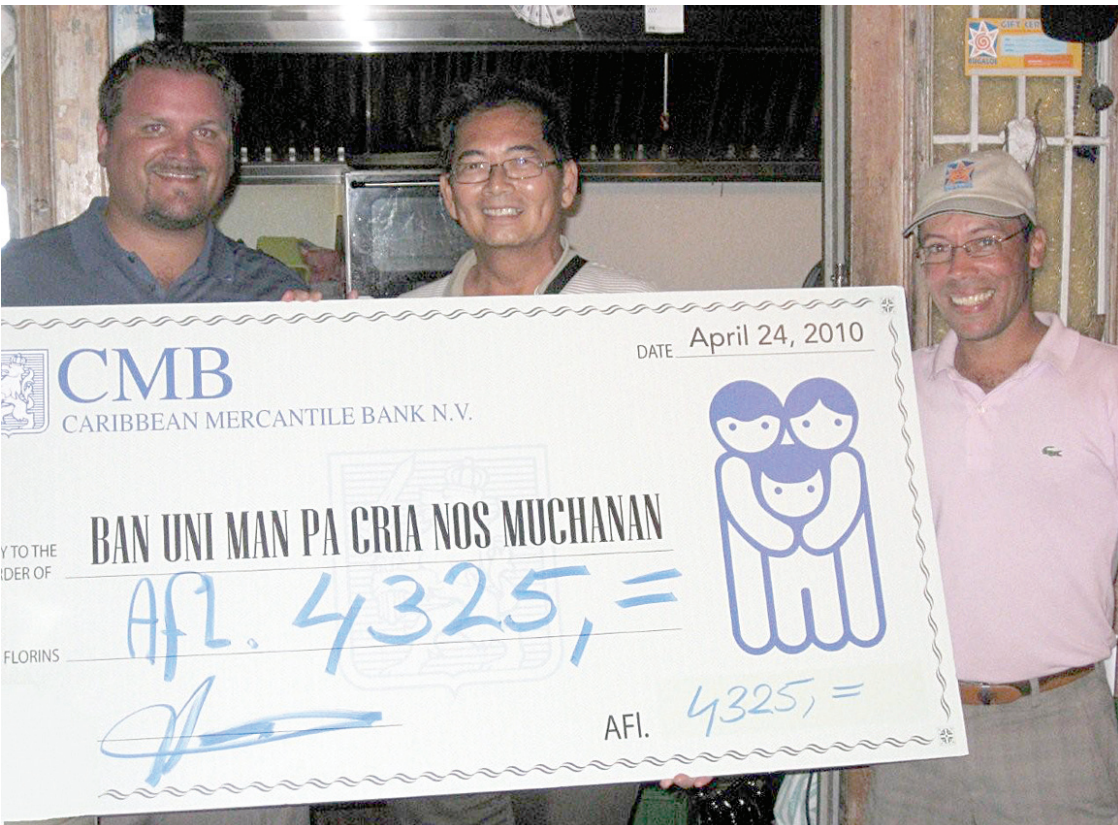
Oranjestad – The Grand Caribbean Ballroom at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa was buzzing with activity as Aruba Meets Europe delegates conducted marketplace meetings with their Aruban suppliers.

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At Tierra del Sol Resort Spa & Country Club

Bugaloe Open Golf Tournament Raises Funds for a Local Foundation



WEST PUNT – The second annual Bugaloe Open Golf Tournament unfolded last week at Tierra del Sol Resort Spa & Country Club, with 102 players, hailing from Aruba, Curacao, the USA and the Netherlands.

The tournament raised funds for a local not-for-profit organization, Foundation Ban Uni Man Pa Cria Nos Muchanan, providing more than 400 under-privileged children with breakfast at school at no charge. The tournament was organized by Golf Pro Adam Williamson. Williamson has been working at Tierra del Sol for the last couple of years as the head teaching professional.

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La Cabana Celebrated Queen's Birthday with Traditional Food & Music



EAGLE BEACH -- The Chit Chat Café was all dressed up in orange, in honor of Koninginnedag "Queen's Birthday", a Dutch national holiday celebrated with great fanfare within the kingdom, including all the Dutch islands. The customized menu reflected Aruba's Dutch heritage as it proudly served Dutch Pea Soup loaded with rookworst and spekjes, traditional sausage and bacon, as well as other popular favorites such as Huzaren

Salade, which is a Dutch-style potato salad with red beets, Frikandel, a minced-meat specialty hot dog topped with chopped onions mayonnaise, mustard, piccalilli & tomato catsup and Rookworst met Zuurkool, everyday Dutch peasant fare of cabbage and sausage. Aruba's famed Chicken, Kip Saté with peanut sauce, appeared on the menu in addition to world famous patat friet, the crispy fries smothered with mayo. Dessert featured two delicious sugar

coated snacks, fried Oliebollen & baked Appeltaart, to blaring Levenslied, simple catchy songs about love, life. Ena Vrolijk, Members Relations Manager, La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club reports the afternoon was orchestrated by the executive committee. The



resort rotates responsibility for the fun month-end luncheon among all its departments,

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A Cruise Industry Alliance to Empower the Future

Aruba Cruise Tourism and the Faculty of Tourism Studies Announce the 'C.I.A.'

ORANJESTAD - The Government's Department Aruba Cruise Tourism represented by its Director, Tamara Waldron and the University of Aruba's Faculty of Tourism Studies, represented by Dr. Ryan Peterson, have joined forces to establish the 'C.I.A.' - Cruise Industry Alliance. The C.I.A. is a strategic alliance based on the power of partnership and collaborative expertise to create a competitive and sustainable (cruise) tourism destination. This partnership taps in to countless opportunities for both the Faculty of Tourism Studies and the Aruba Cruise Tourism (ACT) to benefit from each other. The first scheduled project will be the launch of the Aruba Cruise Profile (ACP) study 2010, in which Aruba's Cruise Visitor Profile will be analyzed through a survey that will allow the ACT to gain insight into the experiences, perceptions and behaviors of Aruba's cruise visitors. This collaborative study will allow for quality improvements and will strengthen marketing and promotional efforts.

Graduating students from the Faculty of Tourism Studies will also have the opportunity to do their internship at the Aruba Cruise Tourism Department as part of their senior year project. Students will have the opportunity to receive hands on experience. Likewise, ACT employees will also have the opportunity to take specific courses related to their field of work at the university which will enable them to stay updated and in sync with current tourism trends and practices.

The Faculty of Tourism Studies and the ACT are committed to working collaboratively towards positioning Aruba as a quality, vibrant, and sustainable tourism destination, which will create the tomorrow's leaders, and work towards the wealth and welfare of our community. □

Winners at El Gaucho



ORANJESTAD – The recent Administrative Assistant Day celebration at El Gaucho Argentine Grill included an attractive raffle with winners picked from among those who chose El Gaucho as their preferred lunch or dinner destination for the day.

Winners are hereby invited to pick up their prizes during business hours at the El Gaucho office, just behind Garufa Cocktail Lounge. The restaurant expresses sincere gratitude for your patronage and support.

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already started a new job: you can find her at Chihuahua's, a great restaurant at the Renaissance Resort. & Pepper, especially Lucienne and Sharon, will sorely miss Femke. They all wish her the best of luck. □

ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA (ABCA) RESULTS THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2010

ORANJESTAD - A total of 8 pairs attended the morning bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Gerry Meenhorst / Nelly Aal 67.46 %
- 2 Ineke Jobse / Sheila Lampe 53.17 %
- Maritza van Romondt / Willy Flanegin 53.17 %
- 3 Ghislaine Mendes / Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 50.79 %
- Els Lacle / Cornelia Sloterdijk 50.79 %.

RESULTS FRIDAY, 30 APRIL 2010

A total of 8 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Maylene and Fred Koopman 65.08 %
- 2 Kathy Yarzagaray / Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 64.28 %
- 3 Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 59.52 %
- 4 Ineke Jobse / Els Lacle 56.35 %.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers : tel. 582-4953 □

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Some people will push you just to see how far they can go, and we need to be able to stop a situation the instant it progresses beyond our personal comfort zone. The longer we wait to express our boundaries, the harder it becomes. When we learn to do it instantly, it becomes second nature. We need to

be able to recognize our discomfort and act to stop what's causing it. We need to be able to say, "This is not alright with me. Stop right there," calmly and in no uncertain terms. When we remain calm, we maintain our authority. There is no power in hysteria.

It is not alright to passively go along with any situation that you don't want to be a part of. I know you don't want to make waves. I know you don't want to upset anyone because that brings

pain, but how painful is it to endure external dominance for the rest of your life? What is the cost of your own Personal Self Expression?

Maintaining your boundaries empowers you. Your boundaries help define you, so when you put energy into maintaining them, you strengthen your self. When you declare your own self-worth to the world, the world will value you. Not stating your boundaries disconnects you from your personal power. You send the message that you can be stepped on and abused, and there are plenty of opposite polarities, desperate to oblige.

Know your boundaries and make them clear to those who cross them. Don't react emotionally, just be calm and assertive in making your boundaries clear. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed by your discomfort. Be proud that you have boundaries that you won't let other

people cross. When you make your boundaries known, you show that you respect your self. When you respect yourself, others will be forced to respect you. Maintaining your boundaries commands the respect of others.

Don't use this as an excuse to be difficult, for there is a fine line between defining your boundaries and being a pain in the ass. It is always important to cooperate and make life easy when we have the chance. People are sometimes proud of their stubborn nature, but it is self-defeating and ignorant to make yourself blind to other perspectives.

Define your boundaries, and don't let people cross them. If you rock the boat, it will induce the change you need. Embracing your personal power will move you into an empowering state of self-expression.


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~Quentin Danziger

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Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious

cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties.

Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Seafood dishes range from the fresh Catch of the Day, prepared according to preference, to the amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon. The tequila and sweet-chili glaze lends



the jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

Light eaters will find the Jerk-Curried Chicken Skewers and the Lemon-Herb Broiled Chicken very satisfying while meat-lovers should opt for the restaurant's famous South American Certified Beef Churrasco or a juicy USDA beef selection such as the Charcoal NY Sirloin Steak or the Grilled Filet Mignon. Hungrier patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-Course Menu featuring the run of the regular menu's highlights for just \$34.95 per person.

The French Steakhouse at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa offers a truly unique dining experience—indoor or out—7 days a week from 5:30 PM to 11 PM. For more information, please visit <http://www.manchebo.com/steakhouse/>

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine

Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean



Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers.

Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing

out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit-ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting.

The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale.

Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistrot; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogato in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Filetto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines.

Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry.

Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite.

AME Marketplace unfolds at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa



Oranjestad – The Grand Caribbean Ballroom at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa was buzzing with activity as Aruba Meets Europe delegates conducted marketplace meetings with their Aruban suppliers. The event drew a record attendance of Aruba's hoteliers and activity directors as they initiated brisk business with the dignitaries from Europe, on the island in honor of AME, representing travel companies, airlines and press. Lunch at the Sunset Grille Restaurant was co-sponsored by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association and featured innovative cuisine, including Cactus Soup, Lamb Loin, Crab and Shrimp, prepared by the resort's executive chef Hector Espinoza and his culinary team. General Manager Rob Smith welcomed the dignitaries to the property promoting the news of the ongoing \$30 million dollar investment in progress. He also introduced his management team, including Arianne Valentino, Director of Sales & Marketing who co-hosted the party. □



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slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but **Texas de Brazil's** version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

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Parents of Autistic Children Turning to Alternative Treatments

By Jenifer Goodwin

About one in five children with autism uses alternative treatments to help with the neurodevelopmental disorder, most often a special diet, a new study finds.

Of 1,212 children with an autism spectrum disorder included in the study, about 17 percent were on special diets. More than half of those were on a gluten-free, casein-free diet, which eliminates wheat and dairy products. Other common dietary changes included avoiding processed sugars and taking probiotics, microorganisms found in foods such as yogurt and supplements that may help maintain gut bacterial flora.

"People turn to complementary and alternative treatments anytime they perceive conventional medical treatments as either not doing the job or being too expensive, or that the complementary and alternative treatments are more natural," said Dr. Daniel Coury, medical director of the Autism Treatment Network and a professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at Ohio State University. "We see the same sorts of reasons among children on the spectrum."

The study was to be presented Sunday at the Pediatric Academic Societies' annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Other alternative treatments parents reported trying for their kids ran the gamut from hyperbaric oxygen, which involves pressurized chambers with oxygen-rich air that usually are used to treat divers with the bends, to chelation therapy, a treatment that removes heavy metals from the body. That treatment stemmed from fears that mercury causes autism, Coury said.

Despite significant publicity about the methods, less than 1 percent of parents had tried them, the study found. And that's a good thing, Coury said, because there's no evidence that either works and some evidence that they might be dangerous.

Parents might be turning to special diets because of reports that autistic children are more prone to gastrointestinal (GI) problems.

Though earlier studies have had mixed results about the prevalence of GI issues, a second study also slated for presentation at the meeting found that parents reported GI symptoms in nearly half of the children.

For that study, families of 1,185 children enrolled in the Autism Treatment Network filled out questionnaires about GI symptoms, behavior, sleep and quality of life.

About 45 percent reported their

children had GI symptoms, such as abdominal pain, constipation and diarrhea. The problems were more common as children got older, affecting about 9 percent of children younger than 5 and 51 percent of children 7 and older.

Their symptoms were bad enough to affect the quality of their lives, with about 70 percent of children with GI symptoms having sleep problems, compared with 30 percent who didn't have GI issues, the study found.

Kids with GI issues also have more behavioral issues, possibly because of their lack of sleep, suggests a third study from the meeting, which included 1,056 children in the Autism Treatment Network. It found an association between sleep problems and behavioral issues that included emotional problems and anxiety.

Autism is a complex disorder, and parents are driven by the desire to help their children, said Dr. Paul Law, director of the Interactive Autism Network at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore. He said he's seen hundreds of alternative treatments tried by parents: supplements and vitamins, acupuncture, acupressure, bathing in distilled water and various types of animal therapy, among them. One mother, Law said, had tried 68 different methods.

Though it's not hard to find testimonials about the effectiveness of one treatment or another, medical evidence that they work is scanty, and the placebo effect can be powerful, Law said.

"There is an adage in medicine that the more you don't know about how to treat something, the more treatments there are," Law said, noting that medications can treat some



of the symptoms of autism, but no medication treats the autism itself.

Coury agreed. "For the majority of these treatments, there is no good research to support their effectiveness," he said.

Treatments that have been shown to work include behavioral interventions and medications that can help curb aggressive and other behavioral issues, Law said. About 27 percent of children with an autism spectrum disorder are taking at least one medication to manage their behavior, according to a fourth study from the meeting. It found that the most common reasons for medication use were hyperactivity, repetitive behaviors, irritability and problems with attention.

Of the children taking medications, nearly half were taking two or more medications.

Medication use became more common as children got older, the study found. About 60 percent of children aged 11

and older took medication, compared with 44 percent of children aged 6 to 10, 11 percent of children aged 3 to 5 and 4 percent of kids younger than 3.

The most common medications were stimulants to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and risperidone (Risperdal), approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat irritability, aggression, temper tantrums and self-injurious behavior.

About one in 110 U.S. children has autism, which is characterized by difficulties with social, language and communications skills and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests.

The Autism Treatment Network, run by Autism Speaks, a New York-based research and advocacy organization, includes 14 treatment and research centers in the United States and Canada for children with autism who are 2 to 18 years old. □





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Immigration Fight Will Fire Up Wrong Base

Robert Heiler

During the 2008 Presidential Race, Senator John McCain spent no small amount of time climbing down from his previous stance on immigration reform. He repeated many times that he had "gotten the message" from the public's response to a bill that many saw as another amnesty of the type passed in 1986. That message, McCain said, was, "Secure the borders first." His implication was that the nation would perhaps tolerate another amnesty, if their fears of continued lax (or nonexistent) enforcement of current immigration laws were allayed.

His opponent in that election appears to have drawn some other conclusion. He is eyeing a battle over immigration reform as a means of invigorating his party's midterm election efforts. It will likely have the opposite effect.

President Obama has approval ratings below 50 percent. He has enjoyed none of the promised "bounce" from passing his health insurance reform. Why that surprises is anyone's guess, as it was clear for many months that most Americans did not want to see it passed. Nancy Pelosi may have needed passage to find out what was in it, but the majority of voters were (and remain) pretty sure it was nothing they wanted.

Analysts across the political spectrum anticipate a very rough November for the President's party. Specific arguments for this analysis abound, but they all point to the same basic reality: the Obama agenda is completely out of phase with the current political zeitgeist. This Administration is hell-bent on expanding the scope, reach and power of the federal government at a time when large and growing numbers of people have decided that it's already too large, too powerful and too expensive.

ObamaCare is just the beginning. The FDA is planning to mandate lower sodium levels in processed foods.

The EPA has declared carbon dioxide a pollutant, which brings its regulation under their purview and enables federal interference in any activity that involves burning fuel. The FDIC, if Democrats get their way, is about to be granted new power over the financial system that will affect millions of businesses, not just banks. And presidential economic advisers have begun public fulmination on the coming necessity of a Value Added Tax - because we have to pay the salaries of all these federal busy bodies somehow.

If anyone is waiting for Barack Obama to stunt the growth of the Leviathan, he has allowed his ballyhooed hope to morph into sheer delusion. Certainly Obama and his advisors can see the growing gulf between their exploits and the preferences of a clear majority of those likely to vote in November. But expanding the power of government is non-negotiable; it is a bedrock principle.

What to do then? The only hope lies in expanding the universe of likely November voters. The campaign strategy must add Democratic voters to this universe in large numbers to have any chance of hanging onto the House of Representatives. That is why Obama issued his two-minute plea, specifically to "young people, African Americans, Latinos and women" whom he says "powered" his victory in 2008. □

Too Big To Fail and Bailouts Are Here to Stay

Robert Robb

Now that Senate Republicans have produced their own proposal, this much is known for certain: after Congress finishes doing whatever it is going to do regarding financial market reform, the country will still have financial institutions policymakers regard as too big to fail. And when the financial system is again under stress, there will be more bailouts.

The narrative driving financial market reform is this: Large financial institutions took too many risks and were overleveraged. They were all so interconnected that failure of one would be a contagion that might collapse the entire U.S. financial system. So, the federal government had no choice but to step in and bail them out.

I believe that this narrative is false. I believe that policymakers could have and should have allowed the financial markets to sort themselves out through write downs and bankruptcies. I believe policymakers panicked and overreacted.

That, however, is very much a minority view, and a very small minority at that. So, accepting the narrative for purposes of discussion, what should be done to keep taxpayers from being on the hook to bail out large financial institutions when they get in trouble?

The most obvious way is to make sure they don't exist. Pass laws limiting the size, scope and activities of financial institutions so that there are none so large, leveraged and interconnected that policymakers are unwilling to let them fail.

That might not make for the most efficient and effective capital markets. But the U.S. has made do with small banks with limited activities before. We could do it again.

Although some in the Democratic Party favor such an approach, it's not being advocated by the Obama administration or leading Democratic members of Congress on the issue. Instead, they have chosen the rule by a committee of wise men approach.

Large financial institutions would continue to exist. They would have to do some things differently, but nothing that materially affects their market presence or functions.

Instead, a committee of regulators would inspect them for systemic risk.

The committee of wise men could make ad hoc decisions about the activities of large financial institutions deemed large or interconnected enough to potentially pose a systemic risk. It could order individual companies to increase capital or decrease leverage, or reduce or eliminate certain products or lines of business. It could even decide to take them over and liquidate them.

This week, Senate Republicans finally offered their alternative to the Democratic approach. It was a colossal disappointment.

Republicans would also rely on a committee of wise men approach. Their committee would have a slightly different composition, slightly different procedures and slightly different powers. But protecting the country against bailouts would still depend on ad hoc decisions made by regulators about the operations of financial institutions they believe large enough to bring down the entire financial system. □

Hispanos EEUU repudian ley de Arizona en marchas por 1 de mayo

PHOENIX (Reuters) - Molestos por la severa legislación contra los inmigración ilegal en Arizona, manifestantes hispanos tomaron las calles el sábado para denunciar la nueva ley y exhortar a Washington a actuar con urgencia sobre la reforma migratoria en las protestas del 1 de mayo en Estados Unidos.

En un mar de banderas estadounidenses y carteles pintados "Todos Somos Arizona" y "No al Apartheid de Arizona", decenas de miles de manifestantes, vestidos de blanco, se congregaron en el centro de Los Angeles, donde la policía esperaba "una multitud muy grande". Más de 70 manifestaciones en ciudades estadounidenses fueron planeadas por activistas de derechos migratorios. Entre las ciudades escogidas estuvo la

capital de Arizona, Phoenix, donde la gobernadora promulgó la ley de inmigración más dura de la nación, ocho días atrás.

Los activistas quieren una revocación de la ley que busca sacar a los inmigrantes ilegales del estado en la frontera de Estados Unidos y México. También presionan al presidente estadounidense, Barack Obama, para que cumpla su promesa electoral de reformar las leyes de inmigración.

Se estima que unos 10,8 millones de inmigrantes viven actualmente en Estados Unidos. "Lo que está pasando en Arizona está haciendo salir a la comunidad a la calle", dijo el activista Omar Gómez en Los Angeles.

La ley de Arizona requiere que la policía local y estatal determine el estado migratorio de las personas



Manifestantes con pancartas contra la ley de Arizona en Los Angeles, EEUU. May 1 2010. Molestos por la severa legislación contra los inmigración ilegal en Arizona, manifestantes hispanos tomaron las calles el sábado para denunciar la nueva ley y exhortar a Washington a actuar con urgencia sobre la reforma migratoria en las protestas del 1 de mayo en Estados Unidos. REUTERS/David McNew

si es que tienen "sospechas razonables" de que se encuentran en el país de forma ilegal. Sus partidarios

dicen que es necesario para reducir el crimen en el estado desértico, que alberga a unos 460.000 inmigrantes ilegales

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